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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. fresh and frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms was barely steady to weak. Demand on whole birds was light. Limited trading was reported for prompt deliveries. Offerings were fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light. Offerings mixed, adequate to fully adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat, necks and tails, balance slow. Demand was light. Offerings were in a full range, light to instances burdensome. Whole bird sales reported on packer label toms basted, netted and timed delivered at 80 cents.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 07, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME DEL. (000)	PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-79	75	75.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-79	79	79.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

**WEEK OF DEC 08, 2006**      **CURRENT**      **LAST**  
**SAME WEEK**

	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	84.17	96.88	86.00
CENTRAL REGION	86.26	94.27	84.91
WESTERN REGION	77.60**	91.71	89.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	87.64	91.44	83.67
CENTRAL REGION	88.64	96.00	84.00
WESTERN REGION	76.70**	94.00	83.90**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112-121
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-100
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94 -96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	94-102

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	120-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-135

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of December 11, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	98.61	4,687,427
16-24 lbs.	98.70	3,139,427

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	480,000
16-24 lbs.	--	480,000

<b>Total Volume:</b>	<b>8,786,854</b>
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 02-Dec-2006 (Preliminary)

	<u>Young</u>			<u>Old</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg Live</u>		<u>Banded</u>		<u>Avg</u>
<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>wt</u>	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Live wt</u>		
North East	781 101	23.44	(A) 782		23.44	
South Atlantic	821 82	33.55	(A) 821		33.55	
North Central	2,065 52	33.24	(A) 2,065		33.24	
South Central	613 92	19.04	(A) 613		19.04	
West	335 80	22.86	(A) 335		22.86	
U.S. total	4,615(B) 71	29.01	1 4,616		29.01	
To-date						
2006	219,539(B)		205		219,744	
To-date						
2005	212,979(B)		209		213,188	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date 1,315,000; for last year to date 1,195,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In Thousand Pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	463,450*
December 1 - 2, 2006	21,424*

To date 2006	4,910,804*
To date 2005	4,809,390*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 02-Dec-2006					
Head	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Avg Wt	15.76	38.73	26.40	61.64	29.01
Last week	992	1,686	25	1	2,704
Same wk yr ago	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Avg Wt	16.15	38.43	26.37	39.52	28.37
To-date/2006	94,368	123,856	1,315	205	219,744
To-date/2005	87,951	123,833	1,195	209	213,188

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady, balance of white meat steady to instances weak. Demand on white meat was light to moderate, instances good on fresh tom breast meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat short to adequate, balance of white meat adequate to ample. Bulk parts trading was light. For export: hen drums for Asia 33-36 cents fob.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	149.00	58
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	121.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	39.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	35.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	43.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	52.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	83.00	2
NECKS, TOM		W	29.26	46
NECKS, HEN		M	31.57	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	198.15	260
THIGH MEAT		R	95.00	16
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	98.00	62
BREAST TRIM MEAT	79.00		79.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00-79.00		78.91	94
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	180.00-182.00		181.20	25
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	79.00		79.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	18.46	224
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	50.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	91.00	260

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom necks was mostly steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to fully steady. Demand on tom necks and tom 2-joint wings light to instances moderate, tom drums and tom full-cut wings moderate to good. Offerings of tom necks light to instances fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts light. Decreased activity was starting to be noted on fresh tom breast meat for next week with some starting to note increased offers. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments, active on fresh tom drums for domestic and export, balance light to moderate. For domestic: tails 28, yearling hen drums 31, tom defatted gizzards 73, fresh scapula 77-89 mostly 77-78, fresh breast trim 78-79, fresh wing meat with skin 76-82, Grade A non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 183 and 16-18 lb. 188, plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 180 and 16-18 lb. 185 cents delivered. For export: frozen MST -20% -60 days age 16-17, tom necks 31, fresh tom drums 38, fresh thigh meat 94 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	179.00		179.00	20	156.69	78
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	113.00-123.00		118.00	80	119.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		40.27	136	40.18	250
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00-41.00		39.89	360	39.83	480
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	48	35.77	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00-34.00		33.20	261	31.70	689
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	43.00		43.00	4	43.40	90
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.96	83	52.66	188
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	76.00-80.00		79.20	50	79.35	52
NECKS, TOM	29.00-31.00		29.70	125	29.85	206
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	40	30.23	47
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	193.00		193.00	10	193.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	198.00-200.00		198.69	720	199.20	1985
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	10	95.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00		97.00	25	95.96	247
BREAST TRIM MEAT	77.00		77.00	40	78.00	320
SCAPULA MEAT	77.00		77.00	80	78.40	214
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	171.00		171.00	40	171.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	79.00	40	79.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	180.00		180.00	80	181.91	225
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-18.00		16.33	84	16.33	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.46	650	17.71	874
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.50	80	38.43	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	32.00	40	32.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	50.00	104	50.00	104
TAILS	27.50		27.50	20	27.50	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.25	160	16.75	472
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-95.00		94.33	120	92.05	380

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